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Applicants respectfully request consideration of these references during prosecution of the above-identified matter. The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' representative at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this Communication or the tendered references.

Respectfully submitted,

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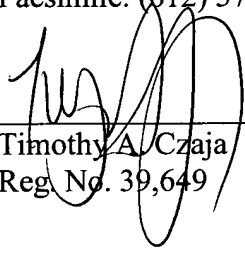
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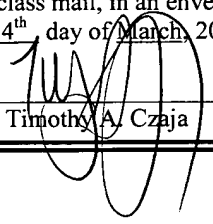
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